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SUBJECT: INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT AGREEMENTS: FRG PRESS STATEMENT

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1. AT AFTERNOON PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 19, FRG GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN BOELLING ADDRESSED ALLEGATIONS IN "DIE WELT" ARTICLE SUMMARIZED REFTEL.

2. BOELLING DENIED THAT THERE WERE ANY WRITTEN OR ORAL SECRET UNDERSTANDINGS OR AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRG-GDR TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED DECEMBER 19.

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3. WITH REGARD TO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE THREE ALLIES,

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BOELLING SAID THAT THE THREE POWERS HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS, EITHER IN THE BONN GROUP OR IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY AND THE THREE AMBASSADORS, AS WELL AS AT THE TRADITIONAL QUADRIPARTITE MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE ASKED FONOFF WHETHER THIS BOELLING STATEMENT WAS MEANT TO REPLACE THE FONOFF PRESS RELEASE REPORTED REFTEL. SO FAR AS FONOFF IS AWARE, IT WAS NOT. SANNE OF THE CHANCELLERY CONSULTED WITH BERLIN REFERAT IN FONOFF ON WHAT BOELLING WOULD SAY ABOUT SECRET AGREEMENTS, AND BERLIN REFERAT IN TURN CLEARED WITH SANNE ITS PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT ON CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL).

5. WHAT BOELLING HAD TO SAY OBVIOUSLY EXAGGERATES THE EXTENT OF THE FRG-ALLIED CONSULTATIONS, AND WE WILL MAKE THIS POINT TO FONOFF AT A SUITABLE TIME. WE HAVE NO INTEREST, HOWEVER, IN FURTHERING PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT ALLIED UNHAPPINESS OVER THE WAY THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONDUCTED, AND WE THEREFORE WOULD NOT PROPOSE TO TAKE ISSUE PUBLICLY WITH THE BOELLING STATEMENT.
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